MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Government do not find it necessary to discontinue it,

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I know whether the Government will consider the matter ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

Headmistress, Vernacular Middle School for Girls, Edappalli.

449. ***MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON** (*Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the present Headmistress of the Vernacular Middle School for Girls at Edappalli has refused to attend and co-operate in celebrating the Birthday of His Highness the Maha Raja on 10-3-1111 as it fell on a Sunday;

(*b*) whether the said Headmistress has refused permission for her Assistant, Srimati K. Lakshmi Amma, to take leave of her students on the eve of her retirement, after a period of 41 years of meritorious service in the same institution, in spite of her requesting the Headmistress to that effect;

(*c*) whether permission was sought for, by the Vanitha Samajam, Edappalli, to the said Headmistress, to make use of the school building as usual in such cases, to give a send-off to the above—said Assistant Mistress, which was arranged to take place at 2 P. M. on 15-8-1111 :

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, whether the said Headmistress has refused permission ;

(*e*) whether the said Headmistress has received any communication from the Inspectress of Girls' Schools, to place the school building at the disposal of the Vanitha Samajam, Edappalli, for the purpose of conducting a send-off to the said Assistant Mistress, Srimati K. Lakshmi Amma ;

(*f*) if the answer to part (*e*) is in the affirmative, when the order was received by the said Headmistress and whether she has communicated the same to the said Vanitha Samajam in writing, and, if so, when and at what hour ;

(*g*) whether they are aware of the fact that the said Headmistress is having her permanent residence at Ernakulam, a place outside Travancore and four miles away from her school ; and

(*h*) if the answer to part (*g*) is in the affirmative, whether her residence outside the State will not seriously interfere with the teaching and discipline of the school ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) :

(*a*) No.
(*b*) No.
(*c*) Yes.
(*d*) No.
(*e*) No.
(*f*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*e*).
(*g*) Yes ; the distance is reported to be less than three miles.
(*h*) No.

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MR. K. P. KKISHNA MENON (*Parur*): In answer to part (*c*), may I know further why permission was not given?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Permission was not refused.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): The answer is, "Yes". The application was made and the permission was not given.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The Inspectress replied to the Vanitha Samajam, Edappalli, that they should obtain the permission of Government to give a send off.

MR K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I know whether permission was given in any other case without Government sanction?

MR. C. V CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I have no information,

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I know whether the Headmistress has been permitted to stay outside the State?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): She had been given informal permission.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): Is there not a rule that every officer should stay within jurisdiction of the office?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): She has been allowed to stay in Ernakulam, because suitable accommodation is not available at Edappalli and because Ernakulam is only three miles away from Edappalli.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESWARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): Has the Director enquired and found for himself that no accommodation can be had for the Headmistress at Edappalli?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes. She is staying in a hostel at Ernakulam. There is no hostel at Edappalli. Being an unmarried lady, she prefers to stay in a hostel.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know whether she is a Travancorean?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): She is a Travancorean.

MR K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know whether any complaint has been made against the Headmistress that she refused to co-operate in the celebration of the birthday of His Highness the Maharaja?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Excepting this interpellation, no other complaint has been received.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know whether, after the receipt of this interpellation, Government called for any report from the Inspectress?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The question has been answered only after enquiry into the matter.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): With regard to part (*g*) of the question, may I know the name of the officer who reported to the Director that the distance between Edappalli and Eranakulam is less than three miles.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The Inspectress.

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MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Will the Government be pleased to enquire whether the actual distance is not more than four miles ?

PRESIDENT : If the member who furnishes that information makes himself responsible for the statement, the Director will enquire into it.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*) : May I know the name of the Headmistress ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : Miss Clara Manuel, I believe.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*) : May I know how long she had been at Edappalli ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASHEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I claim notice, Sir.

Nethancodu Primary School.

450. ***MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the incomplete Primary School at Nethancodu in the Kalkulam taluk is a special school for advancement of primary education among the backward Krishnavaka community ;

(*b*) whether the people constructed the school building and entrusted Government with the site and the building ;

(*c*) when the school building was handed over to them and when it was built ;

(*d*) whether the annual maintenance is being done ;

(*e*) whether the building is in a fit condition ;

(*f*) whether there is accommodation for more classes ;

(*g*) whether it was at any time a complete Primary School ; and

(*h*) whether there is sufficient number of pupils now undergoing instruction in the two classes ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*)

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The school building was handed over to Government in 1096; it was built in 1091.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) Yes.

(*h*) Yes.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*) : May I know whether it is the P. W. D. or the Education Department that does the maintenance work ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : The Education Department.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*) : With reference to part (*e*), may I know the defect of the building ?

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